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<b>Office Action Summary</b>	<b>Application No.</b> 10/536,732	<b>Applicant(s)</b> DESMICHT ET AL.
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- Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

#### Status

- 1) Responsive to communication(s) filed on 27 May 2005.  
 2a) This action is FINAL.      2b) This action is non-final.  
 3) Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

#### Disposition of Claims

- 4) Claim(s) 1-11 is/are pending in the application.  
 4a) Of the above claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are withdrawn from consideration.  
 5) Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are allowed.  
 6) Claim(s) 1-11 is/are rejected.  
 7) Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are objected to.  
 8) Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

#### Application Papers

- 9) The specification is objected to by the Examiner.  
 10) The drawing(s) filed on 05/27/2005 is/are: a) accepted or b) objected to by the Examiner.  
 Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).  
 Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).  
 11) The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

#### Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).  
 a) All    b) Some \* c) None of:  
 1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.  
 2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_\_.  
 3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

\* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

#### Attachment(s)

- 1) Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)  
 2) Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)  
 3) Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO/0254) \_\_\_\_\_  
 Paper No(s)/Mail Date 05/27/2005
- 4) Interview Summary (PTO-413)  
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 5) Notice of Informal Patent Application  
 6) Other: \_\_\_\_\_

## DETAILED ACTION

### *Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102*

1. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(c) the invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effects for purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2) of such treaty in the English language.

2. Claims 1-11 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Moller et al. (US-2003/0014653).

a. *Referring to claim 1:*

Regarding claim 1, Moller teaches a chip for processing a content, comprising at least a microprocessor, characterized in that said chip includes an integrated non-volatile programmable memory for storing protection data and protected data, said protection data being intended to be used for authorizing/denying access to said protected data by said microprocessor while a program is executed (Para 6 and 7 teaches a chip for processing a content, the chip comprises a microprocessor and non-volatile memory for storing protection data for authorizing/denying access to protected data).

a. *Referring to claim 2:*

Regarding claim 2, Moller teaches a chip according to Claim 1, wherein said protection data are only modifiable so as to increase the protection (Para 8, Line 7-11 and Para 25 teaches the protection data only modifiable to increase the protection by replacing the protection data adding new protection data).

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a. *Referring to claim 3:*

Regarding claim 3, Moller teaches a chip according to Claim 1, wherein said protection data include a password, said access being authorized/denied through a password check (Para 10 teaches the protection data including a password or keyword and access being authorized or denied thru a password check).

a. *Referring to claim 4:*

Regarding claim 4, Moller teaches a chip according to one Claim 1, wherein said protected data include data to activate/deactivate an optional feature of the chip (Para 28, line 1-6 teaches 1 and 0 data for activating/deactivating an optional feature of the chip).

a. *Referring to claim 5:*

Regarding claim 5, Moller teaches a chip according to Claim 4, wherein said optional feature is a connection to an external device for downloading a program and/or data from said external device (Para 28 teaches the feature as a connection to an external interface or device).

a. *Referring to claim 6:*

Regarding claim 6, Moller teaches a chip according to Claim 4, wherein said protected data include data to activate/deactivate an external boot program for said microprocessor, said external boot program including instructions for downloading a new boot program for said microprocessor from an external memory (Para 12 teaches a PCR register in the memory block containing protected data which include data to activate/deactivate external data interfaces for downloading or modifying or debugging an initialization or boot program).

a. *Referring to claim 7:*

Regarding claim 7, Moller teaches a chip according Claim 1, wherein said protection data include a value defining an address limit from which the data stored at said memory are protected data and access to such protected data is denied (Para 24 teaches a defined address limit for the protected data and access is denied).

a. *Referring to claim 8:*

Regarding claim 8, Moller teaches a chip according to Claim 7, wherein said protected data include programs and data for operating a conditional-access dedicated microprocessor (Para 22 teaches the protected data including initialization programs for operating a microprocessor).

a. *Referring to claim 9:*

Regarding claim 9, Moller teaches a device intended to recover a content from a media and to process said content, said device including a connection to said media and a chip as claimed in Claim 1 (See Para 5 and Para 9 teaches a device to recover and process a content including a connection to the media and chip).

a. *Referring to claim 10:*

Regarding claim 10, Moller teaches a device as claimed in Claim 10, intended to process encrypted video/audio data (See Para 9).

a. *Referring to claim 11:*

Regarding claim 11, Moller teaches A method for obtaining a protected chip including at least a microprocessor, said method using a chip as claimed in Claim 1, said method including the steps of:

using at least an authorized access to modify protected data in said non-volatile memory (Para 12, Line 17-20 teaches using an authorized access to modify protected

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data),  
protecting the access to said protected data in non-volatile memory by modifying protection data in order to deny said access (Para 25 teaches modifying the protection data to protect access to the protected data).

***Conclusion***

3. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.
  - a. Watt et al. (US-7305534) discloses the present invention provides a data processing apparatus and method for controlling access to a memory. (See Abstract)
  - b. Lewis et al. (US-7000115) discloses a smart chip protection system contains a unique public/private identity key pair and uses a separate public/private signature key pair. (See Abstract)
  - c. Le Roux et al. (US-6182205) discloses the invention relates to exchangeable memory or PC-cards with several integrated circuits for personal computers. (See Abstract)

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Izunna Okeke whose telephone number is (571) 270-3854. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday - Friday 7:30 AM - 5:00 PM EST.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Long Nguyen can be reached on (571) 272-1753. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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